

## Message Text

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R 221623Z FEB 77  
FM AMEMBASSY NICOSIA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5349  
AMEMBASSY ATHENS  
AMEMBASSY ANKARA  
AMEMBASSY LONDON

C O N F I D E N T I A L NICOSIA 0501

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SOPN, PINR, CY  
SUBJECT: WASHINGTON POST ON MAKARIOS

REF: STATE 038914

1. ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS FEB 19 RELEASED STATEMENT ON  
WASHINGTON POST ALLEGATIONS THAT HE RECEIVED MONEY FROM CIA.  
BEGIN TEXT: "I CONSIDER THE REPORT UNWORTHY OF DENIAL. HOW-  
EVER, I CHALLENGE THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REPORT TO PUBLISH  
ANY DATA PROVING SUCH AN UNFOUNDED AND MALICIOUS ALLEGATION.  
I DID NOT HAVE, NOR WAS IT POSSIBLE FOR ME TO CONDESCEND TO  
HAVE, ANY RELATION WITH CIA OR ANY SUCH SERVICE." END TEXT

2. PRO-MAKARIOS PRESS (SEMI-OFFICIAL PHILELEFTHEROS, PRO-  
LYSSARIDES TA NEA AND COMMUNIST HARAVGHI) PREDICTABLY CARRIED  
INCONSPICUOUS STORIES EMPHASIZING ARCHBISHOP'S DENIAL. PRO-  
SAMPSON MAKHI ALSO DOWNPLAYED STORY. CONSERVATION AGHON  
BANNER HEADLINED: "MARKARIOS REJECTS MALICIOUS WASHINGTON POST  
STORY"; PRO-CLERIDES SIMERINI FEATURED SIMILAR HEADING ON BACK  
PAGE. NO EDITORIAL COMMENT HAS APPEARED TO DATE.

3. PER REFTEL EMBASSY IS RESPONDING TO QUERIES WITH  
NO COMMENT FOR THE RECORD.  
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4. COMMENT: MAKARIOS' PROMPT DENIAL HAS SQUELCHED  
WHAT WOULD ELSEWHERE HAVE BEEN A JUICY SCANDAL FOR THE  
LOCAL PRESS TO PLAY WITH FOR SEVERAL DAYS. OTHER  
FACTORS HELPING TO KILL THE STORY ARE LOCAL PRESS  
HOLIDAY FEB 21-22 AND CLIFFORD MISSION WHICH, AS THE  
SIGNIFICANT CYPRUS STORY, HAS BEEN MONOPOLIZING PRESS

AND PUBLIC ATTENTION.  
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